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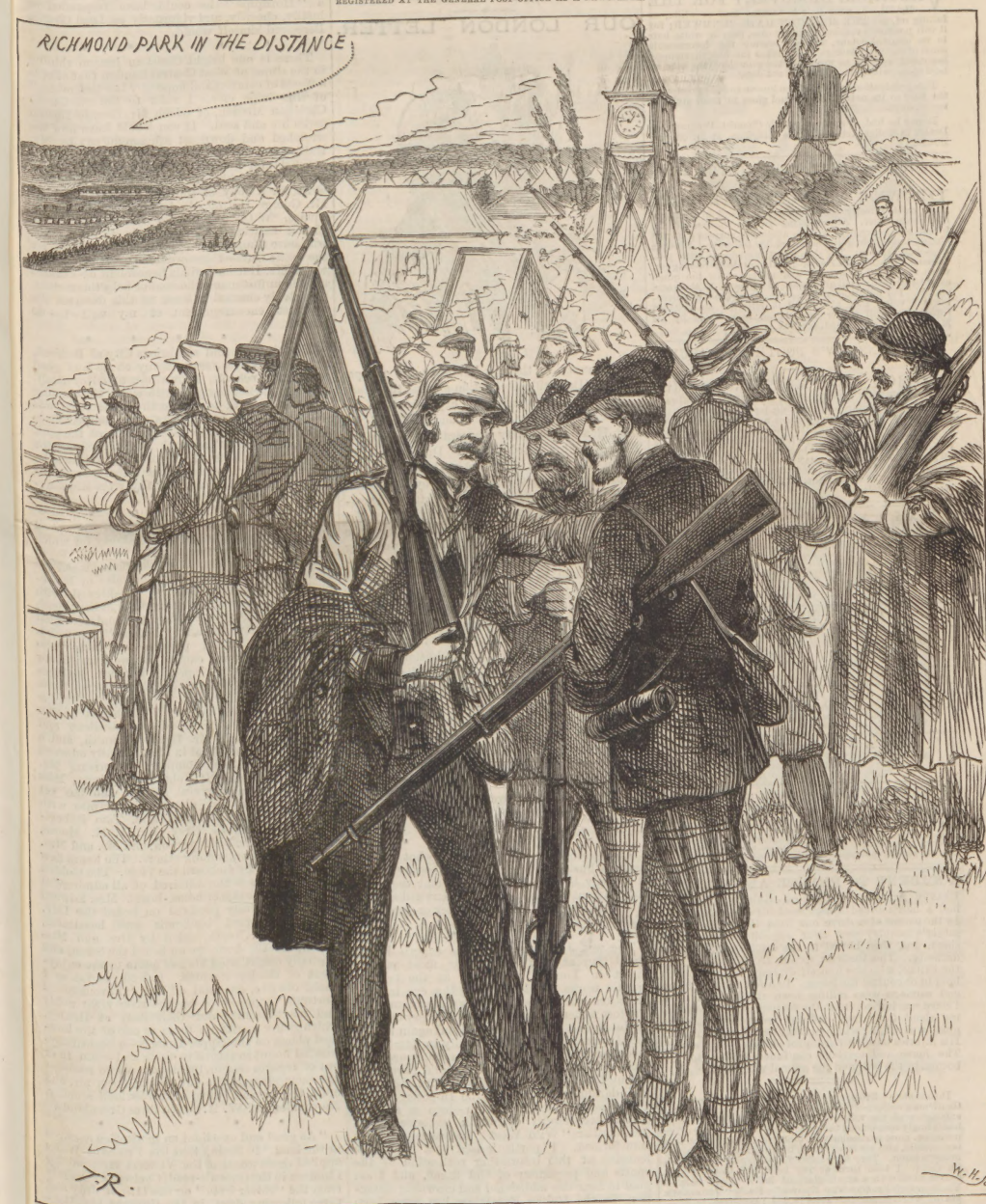

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PRINCE ALEXANDER, the ex-Ruler of Bulgaria, had a hair's-breadth escape of his life on Sunday. In the course of a drive out from Hëlligenberg, his father's country seat near Jugenheim, his horse shied, and then bolted in the direction of a steep declivity. The footman sprang from his seat, and the Prince, who was himself driving, was unable to hold in or control the horse. In a few seconds horse and carriage were rolling down the hillside. The Prince was hurled from the carriage, but, after rolling about forty feet, had the presence of mind to grasp a shrub, by which his further fall was arrested. His injuries happily have proved to be only slight. The horse and carriage continued rolling to the bottom of the hill, and the animal was killed.

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SATURDAY, JULY 14, 1888.

OUR LONDON LETTER.

MR. PARNELL, on the day following the collapse of Mr. O'Donnell's libel action against the *Times*, lost no time in offering an explanation to the House of Commons. The blond leader of the Irish Home Rule Party was seated between Mr. Thomas Sexton (Lord Mayor of Dublin) and Mr. Justin M'Carthy. He rose with copies in his hand of the criminatory letters read by Sir Richard Webster at the trial—letters virtually showing, if they had been actually written by Mr. Parnell, that the hon. member was accessory to the Phœnix Park murders. Deliberately perusing these letters, Mr. Parnell emphatically pronounced them to be "absolute forgeries," and did so amid the sympathetic cheers of the Irish Party. Mr. Justin McCarthy, for his part, explained how the £100 came to be paid by him (and not by Mr. Parnell) to Frank Byrne purely in the way of business. In addition to this, Mr. Parnell on Monday appealed to the Government to grant a Select Committee to inquire into the allegations brought against him by Sir Richard Webster. On Mr. Smith's referring him to the ordinary tribunals, Mr. Parnell at once gave notice of a formal application for the said Committee. I venture to think that, the Attorney-General having given publicity to these grave charges, the Government, in a spirit of fairplay, ought to grant this Parliamentary inquiry.

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An Autumn Session! The upshot of Mr. Smith's businesslike speech on Tuesday is that if Supply be granted in full, and the Local Government Bill passed, Parliament will adjourn in August till the end of October or beginning of November.

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The wet July has found the superb Italian Exhibition at Earl's-Court the most popular resort in London, inasmuch as the brilliant artistic works which fascinate the eye in every direction can be inspected with pleasure and comfort under cover. Visitors of every class hie to the Italian Exhibition again and again to view the Art-treasures, and especially to admire the incomparable display of Italian sculpture. On Monday H.R.H. Princess Mary and party were among the spectators, delighted with the grand and dazzling spectacle of the Imperial Roman Procession in the Coliseum—into a realistic and lifesize model of which historical arena the familiar "Wild West" inclosure has been transformed. I particularised last week the features of this interesting realisation of the sports and pageantry of Old Rome, and I am glad to hear this additional and crowning attraction to the Italian Exhibition has since been appreciated by thousands. I note that on Tuesday Mr. J. R. Whitley escorted the Duc d'Aumale round the interesting Picture Galleries of the Exhibition.

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Readers of *Truth* and the *World* may have been concerned to read that Mr. Walter Besant had quite broken down. Let me reassure them. I chanced to see the popular novelist the other day when he was handing in some proofs of his new historic serial story, "For Faith and Freedom," to *The Illustrated London News*. Mr. Besant then looked so well and so ruddy with good health that I verily believe if I had called upon him for a "Hornpipe" he could have responded as lustily, cheerily, and vigorously as Lord Charles Beresford himself would.

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There is one bright Christian beacon shining in the slums of West Central London that affords a world of comfort and hope to "Les Misérables" of this huge city. I refer to the St. Giles's Christian Mission, of which Mr. George Hatton is the life and soul. If you would learn how the wretched and downcast are sought out by Mr. Hatton and Mr. W. Wheatley—how the hungry are fed and housed, entertained, and provided with an admirable religious service on Sunday—write for a copy of the St. Giles's Mission to Mr. George Hatton, 4, Ampton-street, Regent-square, W.C. Children's Dinners, Help to Flower Sellers, Fresh Starts in Life to Those who have Stumbled, and Summer Excursions for the Little Ones—these are some of the means by which Mr. Hatton and his benevolent co-workers aid the unfortunate who cannot help themselves. Such truly charitable work as this deserves the warmest encouragement of my well-to-do readers.

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The pleasant and salubrious City of Bedford, noted, I believe, for its many cheap and good foundation schools, knows how to enjoy itself. Witness the holiday gala with which the opening of the new park to the north of the town was celebrated—the gay programme comprising a goodly procession, the inauguration of the park by the Marquis of Tavistock, a Flower Show, the bountiful luncheon of Mayor Joshua Hawkins, opening of the new bridge and recreation grounds by the noble Marquis, and the river illuminations. Bravo, Bedford!

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Only those Londoners who had the good fortune to enjoy the liberal hospitality for which Henley Regatta is famed could form an idea of the gaiety of this charming river picnic when the clouds rolled by. The couple of miles of house-boats and pleasure barges, brightened with artistic displays of flowers, and radiant with ladies in white and summer attire and with men in rowing flannels and "blazers," formed a dazzlingly beautiful picture for those who paddled their own canoes, or were rowed or punted past these pretty floating cottages moored close by the Oxfordshire shore of the splendid reach that extends from Henley Bridge to Temple Island. One of the merriest parties on the second day found an excellent and thoughtful host in Mr. Henry J. Smith, and a commodious house-boat in his tastefully adorned Viola, the vivacious company comprising Mr. Howard Paul and Mr. John Hollingshead, Miss Sophie Eyre (a powerful actress who has yet to find a part and play commensurate with her genius), and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Robertson, Miss Marie De Grey, Mr. A. M. Moore, Mr. Barrett, Mr. J. Houghton, and Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Wilson, among others. The hours flew all too swiftly by on board the Viola. The Golden Grasshopper was the admired of all admirers at the head of the line of house-boats. Mrs. Edward Ledger gracefully presided on board the Lily. With accustomed bonhomie and heartiness, Colonel J. T. North, aided by Mrs. and Miss North, did the honours on board the Swan, and cordially contributed his fair quota to the enjoyment of Henley Regatta. Indeed, so far as I could observe, one and all the "Favourites of Fortune" represented on the river right nobly and magnificently did their duty at Henley, which richly merits its fame as one of the loveliest places on the Upper Thames—a beautifully-wooded haunt to return to again and again, in or out of regatta season, by all who would recuperate themselves in the sweetest of fresh air, and amid the finest of river and woodland scenery. No wonder Mr. W. H. Smith loves Greenlands.

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"As good and excellent an institution as exists in the land"! Seeing that the Prince of Wales applied these words to the Victoria Hospital for Children in the Queen's-road, Chelsea, I sincerely trust the "Silver Fête" on the 11th of July and three following days, in the Gardens and Conservatory of the Anglo-Danish Exhibition, will

furnish a sufficient amount quite to pay off the existing debt of £3000 on the new out-patients' wing, which the Prince and Princess opened two years ago. This is the sort of festival Society revels in. Given the Royal patronage of the Princess of Wales and Princess Louise, captive-balloon ascents, a bazaar of Duchesses and buffet of titled Ladies, a Bancroft Dramatic Stall, and Thespian Fair—the "Silver Fête" at South Kensington was almost sure to succeed. But the Sun did not shine on the Silver Fête on Wednesday. The gracious Duchess of Manchester, and a bevy of beautiful girls, filled the Conservatory, however, with social sunshine. Mrs. Bernard Beere, engaged at night as Peg Woffington in "Masks and Faces," in the afternoon made the prettiest and kindest of Flower Girls. Mrs. Bancroft made a dainty and first-class sales-woman in the sacred cause of charity. It was chilly on the terrace to watch the children's Maypole Dance; but all the Fun of the Fair was kept up by the popular Merry-go-Round, Richardson's Show, and El Dorado. Perhaps the most appropriate device of all was that formed by Bolland's monster bridecake, from which emerged charming bridesmaids in white to grace the Silver Fête. Everyone will agree with the motto, "May the Royal Silver Wedding grow to a Golden One!"

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Another week of Royal Italian Opera is to be given by Mr. Augustus Harris at Covent-Garden; and then there will be much bustle and organisation for Mr. Harris's provincial tour of Italian Opera, destined to command as much popularity in its way in the country as the daring impresario has secured in town. With some £300 booked in advance, and guaranteed for each subscription night, Mr. Harris began his London season with an enviable golden nest-egg. Not only the fashionable world, but lovers of music generally, rallied to the Royal Italian Opera. Hence the triumphant success of Mr. Harris, who has thoroughly deserved his good fortune by liberal management, and magnificent *mise-en-scène*. Rare splendour characterised the revival of Rossini's "Guillaume Tell," the brilliant crowds being marshalled by a master-hand, and being most effective; and the Tell of M. Lassalle, the Walter of M. Edouard De Reszké, and the Arnold of M. Prévost forming a remarkably strong trio. Charming Miss McIntyre, with Madame Bauermeister and Mdlle. Lablache, were worthy the company. The opera yielded great delight. With a brightly captivating singer new to London in the chief part, Georges Bizet's "Carmen" was repeated last Saturday with all that brilliancy of mounting which has made the fascinating Spanish opera supremely attractive. The house was thronged. Mdlle. Zélie De Lussan, the new Carmen, comes from New Orleans. She is young and pretty, has an exceedingly sweet and flexible voice, and she sang the melodious music of the first act so well and with such appropriate, coquettish action as to immediately win the approbation of the audience. Mdlle. De Lussan bears a striking resemblance in features to Adelina Patti, than whom she is rather taller in figure. She was admirable in the first and last acts; but I would advise the *belle Américaine* to "let herself go" more in the second and third acts. Sweetly pretty Miss Margaret McIntyre, most charming of operatic *ingénues*, once more captivated us by her exquisitely sympathetic singing and acting as Michaela. Mdlle. De Lussan (said to be connected with the Rallis) introduced a graceful novelty by presenting the tenor (Ravelli) with a sprig of carmine flowers and Conductor Mancinelli with a nosegay of roses from the flowers presented to her. Mdlle. De Lussan should have a brilliant future before her. The grand repetitions of "Faust," "Il Trovatore," and "Lohengrin" at the commencement of the week will be succeeded by equally popular revivals. It was quite a treat on Tuesday to listen to the music of the best and sweetest of Verdi's operas, "Il Trovatore," rendered to perfection by an excellent cast. Ravelli was in first-rate voice, and sang and acted admirably as Manrico. As the Count, D'Andrade was seen and heard to great advantage. The Leonora of Madame Fürsch-Madi is one of her best parts. Deservedly admired also was the most intelligent of Azucenas, her final duet with Manrico being alone worth waiting to the last to hear. A brilliant revival of "Aïda" is promised by Mr. Harris to-night.

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I understand Mr. Carl Rosa has under consideration—in addition to the space near the National Gallery—a magnificent new site for the operatic and dramatic temple which this distinguished operatic director and his co-workers are about to erect. I hold this new site to be far and away the best in London for the purpose, and should myself prefer it to the original site. Mr. Rosa must be a busy man just now. Instead of enjoying his usual rest and holiday, the indefatigable entrepreneur is occupied not only with this grand Opera-house scheme and with the Lord Mayor's London *Conservatoire* project, but also with the completion of the Carl Rosa Company's English opera tour, and, in addition, with the formation of his new Light Opera Company, which is to commence operations with a fresh comic opera by Planquette, to be followed by an original light opera by Mr. A. Goring Thomas. It will clearly not be Mr. Rosa's fault if the harmony of the United Kingdom be not increased.

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I am requested by our "Showman" to thank a kind-hearted "Derby Shop-Girl" for her generous response to "Codlin's" appeal a fortnight ago for subscriptions to procure a country holiday for poor little town-bred children. No doubt, hosts of similar gifts have been forwarded direct to the charity mentioned by "The Showman." The "Derby Shop-girl's" donation has been handed to Mr. John Kirk, Secretary of the Ragged-School Union Holiday Homes Fund, Exeter Hall, Strand; and that gentleman has sent "Codlin" the following acknowledgment:—

Dear Sir,—I saw your kindly notice in the "Showman" with grateful pleasure, and I thank you now most heartily for thus so materially aiding our Holiday Fund. We are in the full swing of the season. Nearly three hundred poor mites went off, on Saturday, to Folkestone, Brighton, Halstead, and elsewhere. All kind gifts will therefore be helpful and cheering to us in the good work; and I am very grateful to you, and to "A Derby Shop-Girl," for the 6s. duly and formally acknowledged herein.

[*Town Edition.*] PHILIP.

The Court.

The Queen and Princess Beatrice drove out on Sunday afternoon, attended by the Hon. Ethel Cadogan. Lady Frances Baillie and the Rev. Canon Duckworth, D.D., had the honour of dining with her Majesty and the Royal family at Windsor Castle. The Queen and Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg drove out on Monday morning. The Duc d'Aumale visited her Majesty on Monday and remained to luncheon.

THE EMPEROR OF GERMANY.

Kaiser Wilhelm held inspections on Monday morning, and was present at a sham fight in which some companies of the Rifles (Jäger) and Lancers took part, after which they marched past. These military spectacles were witnessed by a brilliant suite of Generals and most of the Attachés now in Berlin.

Kaiserin Victoria is as well as might be anticipated after recent events. The quiet of Schloss-Friedrichskron seems to be doing her Majesty good, so that for the present no plans for a move have been made.

General Von Albedyll, hitherto Chief of the Military Cabinet, is to receive the command of an army-corps, and Lieutenant-General Von Halmke, hitherto commanding the Second Infantry Division, has been selected as his successor.

Vice-Admiral Count Monts has been appointed to the Admiralty to act as head of the department, and has been promoted to the rank of Admiral.

The meeting between the German and Russian Emperors will take place on board the Russian Imperial yacht Derjava. The Czar will proceed in this vessel to meet the German squadron, the Russian escort consisting of two war-vessels.

Her Majesty, with Princess Beatrice and Prince Henry of Battenberg, will leave Windsor Castle on Tuesday morning next for Osborne House.

The Prince and Princess of Wales are staying at Sandringham.

Princess Beatrice, accompanied by Prince Henry of Battenberg, on Tuesday paid a visit to Greenwich, to lay the foundation-stone of the new Jubilee Almshouses. The Princess made a truly admirable little speech, proving that H.R.H. has inherited the terse eloquence of her Majesty.

H.M.S. Alexandra, with the Duke of Edinburgh and Prince George of Wales on board, and the Dreadnought, Téméraire, Sultan, Colossus, Edinburgh, Agamemnon, and Phaeton, have arrived at Malta from Naples.

Sir Morell Mackenzie, accompanied by his son and daughter, Mr. Kenneth and Miss Ethel Mackenzie, arrived at Charing-cross Station last Monday evening from Paris.

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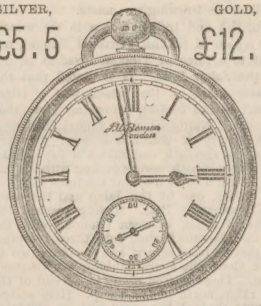

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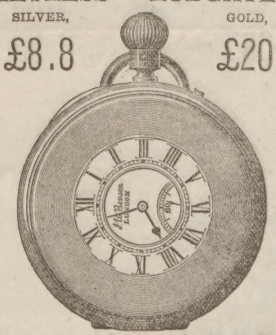

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SIKKIM WAR.

WHILST our patriotic sharpshooters are proving at Wimbledon how well, on occasion, they could shoot for hearths and homes, it will be of interest to show in the subjoined Engraving that Tommy Atkins can use his rifle surely in actual warfare. Lieutenant A. Heyman, of the Derbyshire Regiment, was good enough to furnish the sketch from which the Drawing was made.

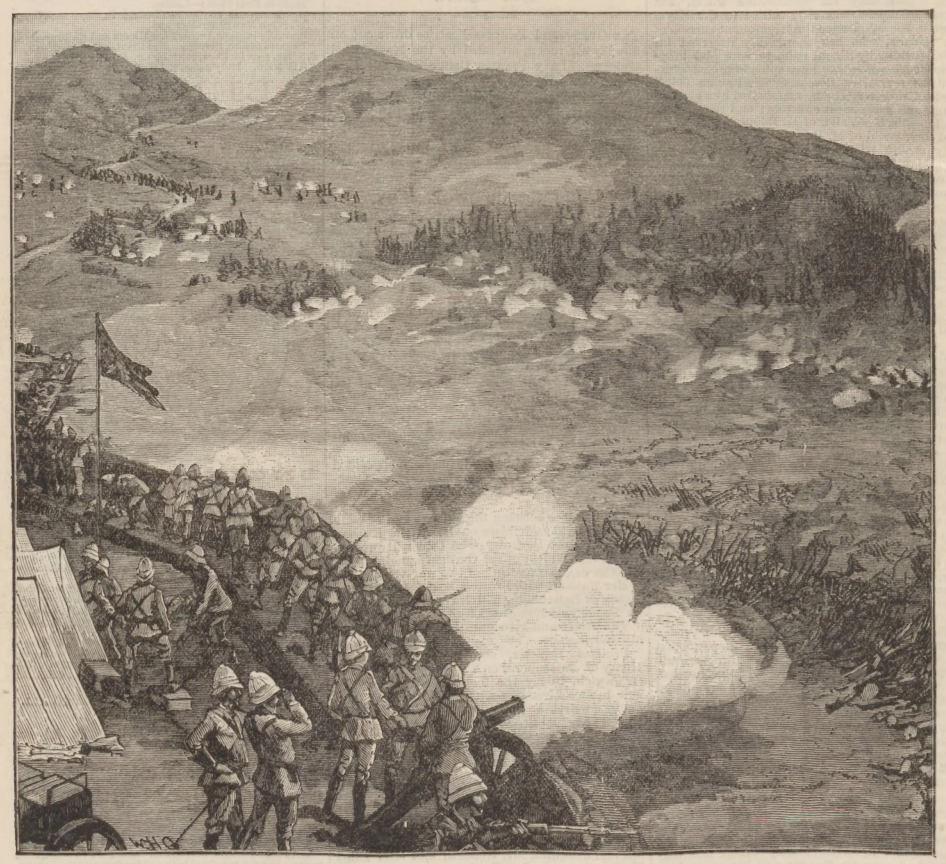
The British and Indian troops in the mountainous region of Sikkim, north of Bengal, are opposed to a force of Tibetan invaders in and about the Jalap Pass. It is stated that the immediate cause of the attack was a letter addressed to the leaders, informing them that the oracle of Naitoang, near Lhassa, had prophesied victory if the attack were delivered between the eleventh and fifteenth days of the third Tibetan month, corresponding with May 21 and 25. After a council of war the force marched in two bodies, one by the Jalap and the other by the Pembyring Pass. Having reached the low Tukola ridge, between Gnatong and the Jalap, the Tibetans formed into three columns, one to make a front attack, and the other two to advance along the spurs flanking the Gnatong position. These worked round to the end of the jungly ridge, north of the camp. Here several men crept through the wood upon a picket of the Sherwood Foresters (Derbyshire Regiment), which retired, but not before it had shot the Tibetan leader, a giant of 6 ft. 7 in.

The Tibetans now came down in large numbers on the north-eastern face of the camp. It was defended by some of the pioneers and by a company of the Derbyshire Regiment. The assailants crept through the jungle, availing themselves of cover, until they occupied a front of 500 yards, within a distance of 200 to 500 yards from our intrenchment. Here they opened a hot fire from both rifles and matchlocks, and dropped slugs and bullets among our ranks and through our tents. One man crept up to within 300 yards of our position, and kept up for at least half an hour a most galling, though ineffectual, fire, completely enfilading one face of our camp. It required a round of case and a section of pioneers to dislodge him.

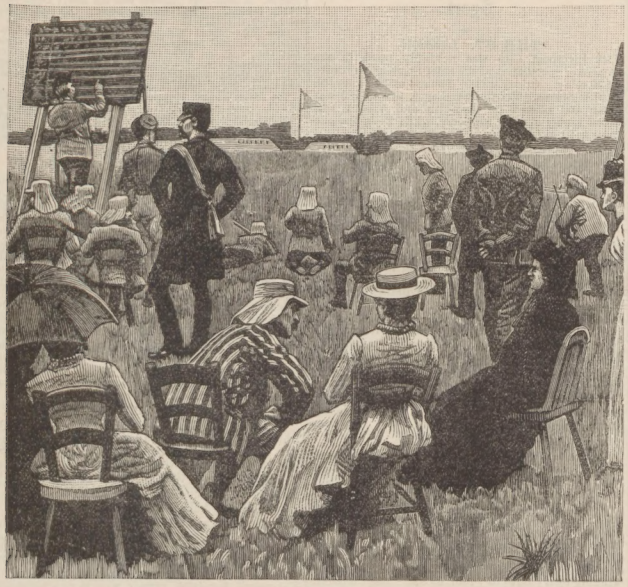
LORD WANTAGE.
CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

Meantime, the fire from a wooded hill in front had become so heavy that a half-company of the Derbyshire Regiment, under Lieutenant Iggulden, was sent round to take the men holding it in flank. The half-company worked right round the valley, and became hotly engaged, losing Sergeant Leckington, who was shot through the head. This diversion had the effect of checking the Tibetans' fire, obliging them to retire up the hill; and they seemed to lose a good many men killed and wounded. The enemy was now inclined to retreat, and another half-company of the Derbyshire Regiment and a party of the 32nd went out under Captain Gossett.

These detachments, joining hands with the remainder of the Derbyshire Regiment, worked up the valley between the hills, driving before them the retiring enemy among the trees and jungle. The Tibetans, in full retreat, as they crossed the Tukola were fired into by the guns, which made admirable practice at 2500 yards, bursting a shrapnel shell among a large party. Our troops took some prisoners, mostly wounded, and the enemy's loss must be close upon 200 in killed and wounded. They were pursued nearly two miles by the Derbyshire Regiment and by Colonel Bromhead's Sikhs. Our loss amounted to three men killed and eight wounded. The men engaged were the flower of the Tibetan army, and many came from Chumboo, beyond Lhassa. The road from the Tukola to Nimla is strewn with the arms, blankets, and bundles of the retreating force. The position at Gnatong has since been strongly fortified, and the news to June 26 was that the Tibetans seem disinclined to make a further attack.



SIKKIM WAR: TIBETANS REPELLED BY TOMMY ATKINS AT GNATONG CAMP.



WIMBLEDON: AT THE RANGES.

LORD WANTAGE, V.C.

We have much pleasure in printing a portrait of one of the most public-spirited of our noblemen, Baron Wantage, who deserves the heartiest thanks of the nation for his gallant endeavour to prevent the Duke of Cambridge from driving the Volunteers from Wimbledon-common, and also for his sensible efforts to secure a practically unused portion of Richmond Park as an alternative site for the National Rifle Association's Meeting in the too probable event of Wimbledon being forbidden to our riflemen in future.

Lord Wantage may be more familiarly known by his former name of Colonel Sir Robert James Loyd-Lindsay. He thoroughly proved his valour in the Crimean War. Born on April 16, 1832, Robert Lindsay assumed by Royal license the prefix surname of Loyd when he married the only daughter and heiress of Lord Overstone. But some years before his marriage he had won his spurs in the Crimea. He gained the Victoria Cross by a very brave action. A young officer in the Scots Fusilier Guards, he personally distinguished himself at the Battle of the Alma and at Inkermann in 1854 by standing firm with the colours, and assisting intrepidly to restore order, and to charge with a handful of men a superior force of Russians. He wears the Crimean medal and four clasps, V.C., Legion of Honour, the Medjidieh, and Turkish medal. A Lieutenant-Colonel in the Army, he was for a time extra Equerry to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; became Lieutenant-Colonel commanding the Berks Rifle Volunteers; and is the right man in the right place as Chairman of the National Rifle Association. The late Lord Beaconsfield appointed him Financial Secretary to the War Office in 1877, and he held the post till 1880. M.P. for Berks from 1865 to 1885, he was elevated to the Peerage in the latter year as Baron Wantage. He is a younger brother of Sir Coutts Lindsay. Long may he reign as the Champion of our Volunteers!

Lord Wantage, we may mention, on the Fifth of July, introduced a party of Londoners to the proposed Berkshire site, near Didcot, for the "New Wimbledon." But this scheme is not put forward as an alternative to Richmond Park, strong hopes being entertained by the N. R. A. Council the decision of the Government may be in favour of Richmond. However, on the date in question, at Lord Wantage's invitation, a representative team, furnished by the North London Rifle Club, journeyed into Berkshire, in order to meet thirteen marksmen of the Berkshire Rifle Association, of which his Lordship is president. Among the competitors were Lieutenant Warren, Queen's Prizeman of last year, and Private Gus Rosenthal, invincible Champion of the North London Rifle Club, a crack shot whose recent marriage does not apparently lessen his zeal for rifle-shooting. Berks proved the winners by nine points. At the luncheon, Lord Wantage improved the occasion, and once again emphatically recommended the Richmond Park site for next year, but added that Berkshire would be happy to welcome the Volunteers in the event of the Richmond site not being available. Colonel Humphry paid a tribute to Lord Wantage's great interest in the Volunteer movement, and his Lordship, replying, claimed that in matters of shooting the association represented the shooting community in the Volunteers, and of all who studied the art and science of rifle-shooting throughout England. To them he looked for their support and continued confidence.

THE OLD AND THE NEW WIMBLEDON.

Our Artist was promptly on the spot, it will be seen, to sketch the opening of the twenty-ninth, and too probably last, meeting of the National Rifle Association within the Volunteer Encampment on Wimbledon-common. He kills two birds with one pencil. He sketches the opening shots on Wimbledon-common, and in the distance indicates the relative distance of Richmond Park from the Common. As was incontrovertibly stated by the Council of the National Rifle Association in their circular of Saturday last—a circular signed by the acknowledged leaders and founders of the Volunteer Movement—it is a very little-frequented portion of Richmond Park which is wanted for the "New Wimbledon"; the public deprivation would be infinitesimal, the public advantage great. And, as the Council added:—

> By far the larger half of the park will thus be left free to the public, and can be used by them without the smallest apprehension of danger.

WIMBLEDON CAMP,

despite the rainfall of the first week in July, bore its familiar aspect of White Tent Town on Sunday, when réveille awoke close upon 3000 Volunteers and Regulars. Flags and bannerets were shaken out, tents squared, so that all could settle down to the fortnight's shooting. The windmill and Clock Tower seemed very old acquaintances. Men continued to arrive in considerable numbers during the day, so that at least 4500 troops slept in the camp on Sunday night. Among the corps encamped were: "The Victorias," Queen's Westminster, London Scottish, South (2nd) Middlesex, 1st Surrey, London Rifle Brigade, Jersey and Guernsey Militia, and Canadian team. In addition, near the Putney gates, were the camps of the Regulars and Police, the former comprising about 200 sergeants and 500 men. The South Middlesex had a church parade in the forenoon, the services being numerously attended. In the afternoon the camp became very crowded, thousands of people flocking in from all quarters. Between five and seven o'clock there probably were over 10,000 visitors within the inclosures. Hundreds, prompted by curiosity, inspected the various butts and targets, the "running deer" and "running man" proving, however, the greatest sources of attraction. It was not until a comparatively late hour that the camp was permitted to settle down into the stillness and quiet that are proper to a military station. In the experienced hands of Bertram, the refreshment-rooms proved quite equal to the demands on them. In comparison with last (the Jubilee) year the entries in nearly all the principal events showed a slight falling off in numbers. In the Queen's Prize, for instance, there were but 2363 entries, as against 2477 in 1887. Perhaps the most interesting of the new prizes is that to be given to cyclists, who are to ride their machines six-sevenths of a mile, dismount, and fire ten shots, all within eight minutes. Lord and Lady Wantage arranged to receive distinguished visitors to Wimbledon at the Cottage and on the lawn. The presentation of prizes by H.R.H. the Princess of Wales on Saturday afternoon next, July 21, will crown the meeting with its chiefest charm.

WIMBLEDON: AFTERNOON TEA.

SHOOTING AT WIMBLEDON

began on Monday morning. The opening day was not favoured with fine weather, except in the early morning. In the afternoon the wind and rain proved very trying to the marksmen, and firing was carried on under great difficulty. The principal competition of the day was

THE ALEXANDRA,

the 325 prizes in which are of the aggregate value of £1000. There were two ranges, 500 and 600 yards, seven shots at each, so that the highest possible score would be 70 points. Last year Private Ward, 4th Devon, made the top score of 68, and below him was one 64. On Monday three scores of 64 came out at the top of the list. The list of winners in the Alexandra Series shows the following men as taking top places:—£30, Colour-Sergeant Vicars, Queen's Westminster, 64; £20, Sergeant Semmence, 4th Norfolk, 64; £15 each, Corporal M'Morran, 1st H.L.I., 64, and Sergeant Palmer, 1st Warwick, 63.

Of the other competitions shot for on Monday the most interesting were the match between

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITIES

for the Humphry Cup and that in which the picked shots among the officers of the Regular Army met the chosen representatives of the Auxiliary forces. Each University was represented in the competition for the Humphry Cup by a team of four enrolled Volunteers, and the contest was at long ranges with match rifles. The conditions of the contest between the Regular and Auxiliary officers were identical, save for the fact that each team consisted of eight marksmen. For the Humphry Cup the Oxford team obtained a substantial lead at 800 yards. Their shooting was very even, there being but three points between the highest and the lowest scores. On the other hand, Mr. Williams of the Cambridge team, made five points more than any man on the Oxford side, and thirteen points in advance of any of his companions. The fourth man of the team made thirteen points less than the lowest Oxford man. At 900 yards Oxford still further increased their advantage, and the match ended, as was the case last year, in an easy victory for Oxford. The grand total of the Oxford team was 626, the Cambridge total being 569. Mr. Allan, of Oxford, at the three ranges, made 167, Mr. Greathed 157, Mr. Thompson 156, and Mr. Elles 146. For Cambridge, Mr. Williams scored 166 points, Mr. Winter 141, Mr. De Jersey 130, and Mr. Smith 129.

THE AUXILIARY OFFICERS

were again victorious in their contest with the Regulars. The shooting of both teams showed a very marked improvement in comparison with that of last year. The grand total of the Auxiliaries was 1485 points, the Regulars making 1366 points only. For the victorious team Captain Mellish made an aggregate score of 199, and Captain Gibbs 197; whilst for the Regulars Captain Lamb compiled 192 points, the next highest scores being two of 177 made by Lieutenant Dutton-Hunt and Major Glendonnyn. For the Auxiliaries four scores of over 180 were made. The other competitions of the day were by no means wanting in interest, the principal among them being the St. Leger, the Secretary of State for War, the Halford, Henry, Robin Hood, Kynoch, *Graphic*, Heath, Martin Smith, and the Association Cup (M.H.).

THE QUEEN'S PRIZE.

The heaviest work of all began on Tuesday, when at five butts the competitors for the Queen's Prize entered upon the first stage of that long and severe ordeal by which, in due course, the crack shots of the meeting are gradually sifted out. It will be remembered that the Queen's Prize last year was won by Lieutenant Warren, 1st Middlesex Rifles, with 274 points, and had the honour to be congratulated on his success by the Prince of Wales, who dined on the occasion with the chief Queen's Prize winners. Last Tuesday morning the ball was opened by shooting at 200 yards. At the outset a steady light without glare favoured the shooting; the only thing to allow for being a gentle breeze from the right front. The best scores first recorded were Sergeant H. Woods, 3rd Hants, 34; and the same figures by Major Bryan, 2nd Tower Hamlets Rifles; Private Chalmers, 2nd Royal Highlanders; and by Armourer-Sergeant Hart, 7th Surrey. Last year Warren, the winner of the Queen's, only put on 26 at 200 yards in the first stage.

PROMOTION FROM THE RANKS.—The Queen has conferred commissions on the following soldiers, viz.:—Sergeant-Major G. H. Hitching, of the Royal Engineers, who is promoted to the rank of Quartermaster in the regiment, with the honorary rank of Lieutenant; and Quartermaster-Sergeant W. Montgomery, of the Coast Battalion of the Royal Engineers, appointed Lieutenant.

Sport.

THE ST. LEGER.

THE Liverpool Cup was naturally much in the mouths of speculators at the chief London Turf Clubs on Monday. Ossory was in demand at 4 to 1 for the Eclipse Stakes. For the St. Leger, 375 to 100 was taken and offered for Ayrshire and 5 to 1 was taken kindly about Crowberry, while Belle Mahone came to 22 to 1, t and o.

ECLIPSE STAKES. (*Run July 27.*)

100 to 30 agst Ossory (o; t 4 to 1)	6 to 1 agst Elridsperd (t) 100 to 15 —— Orbit (t)

ST. LEGER. (*Run Sept. 12.*)

7 to 2 agst Seabreeze (o) 15 to 4 —— Ayrshire (t&o) 5 to 1 —— Crowberry (t)	8 to 1 agst Orbit (t & o) 22 to 1 —— Belle Mahone (t)

LIVERPOOL AND WINDSOR

clashed as to racing on Tuesday. But Liverpool Summer Meeting drew many racing men. Sir R. Jardine's Fanny Day colt won the Southport Stakes; Fortnellan, the Liverpool Welter Plate; Stronvar, the St. George's Stakes; Noble Chieftain, the Hoylake Handicap; Upset, the Molyneux Cup; Blackpool, Windermere Plate; Devonian, the Warrington Plate; and Duncraggan, the Mersey Stakes. On Wednesday, the favourite, Satiety, won the Liverpool Cup; Ashplant second, and Tommy Tittlemouse third.

METROPOLITAN AMATEUR REGATTA

is fixed to take place on the current Friday between Putney and Hammersmith!

HENLEY.

On the last day of Henley Regatta, the final heat of the Grand Challenge Cup was the first race, and a most exciting contest was rowed from start to finish, the Thames crew achieving a clever victory from Leander. The final heat of the Diamond Sculls fell to Nickalls, the Oxford sculler, who beat Gardner, last year's winner, and proved that he ought, as many anticipated, to have beaten the Cambridge man in 1887. The Wyfold Challenge Cup produced a good race between Thames and London, the former winning by a length in 7 min. 59 sec. The Pairs fell to Symonds and Buck, who won from Muttlebury and M'Lean, the latter pair upsetting when astern. Brasenose College, Oxford, won the Visitors' Challenge Cup from Trinity Hall, Cambridge (7 min. 59 sec.), after they had been beaten in the Stewards' Cup by a different crew from the same club, and the Ladies' and Thames Cups fell to the Lady Margaret Boat Club, Cambridge.

MARLOW REGATTA

drew many boating men from Henley last Saturday. The Thames Rowing Club proved very successful: J. Spagnoletti won the Senior Sculls; the Senior Fours fell to the same club, which also carried off the Grand Challenge Cup for eights.

RINKING IN AUSTRALIA.

The *Sidney Sporting Life* says that skating-rinks are being erected all over the place, and skating promises to give its kindred amusement—dancing—a severe knock during the ensuing winter months.

THE MELBOURNE BICYCLE CLUB

intends holding an intercolonial amateur championship meeting on an unusually gigantic scale. It will extend over two days, and the sum of £650 will be given away in prizes. For the Great Austral Wheel-Race £200 is the first prize, £30 and £15 second and third, respectively.

THE SOCIETY OF CYCLISTS

continued their meeting at Saffron Walden last Saturday, Dr. B. W. Richardson presiding. There was a large attendance, and addresses were delivered on the antiquarian objects of the surrounding localities, after which Lady Braybrooke entertained the society at Audley End Park.

CYCLE RACES IN HOLLAND.

The International Cycling Meeting was held at Scheveningen on July 7. In the tricycle race the English champion, Edge, was beaten by Scheltema, of Amsterdam, by 2-5ths of a second. The bicycle race was won by Temple (Chicago), Allard (Coventry) coming in second, the difference of time being only 4-5ths of a second. In the tandem scratch race, after a keen and exciting contest, the Dutch competitors were beaten by the English cyclists Edge and King, who came in 1 1-5th of a second before their opponents. In the bicycle scratch race for professionals, Woodside (Philadelphia) came in first in 20 min. 41 2-5 sec., just beating Temple (Chicago). In the international bicycle scratch race the first and second prizes were won by Dutchmen, King (London) being third. On Saturday, in the professional bicycle scratch race, Temple (Chicago) and Allard (Coventry) ran a dead-heat, their time being 9 min. 48 sec.; Woodside (Philadelphia), third, 9 min. 58 1-5 sec. Temple and Allard divided the stakes.

CYCLING AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

Under the joint promotion of three clubs—the London, Lewisham, and Brixton—an important race meeting was held last Saturday on the Crystal Palace track. All events were open. H. H. Griffin handicapped, and G. P. Coleman clocked. Details:

One Mile Ordinary Bicycle Handicap (thirty-eight entries, thirty-two starters).—Final heat: G. P. Roberts, Brighton Excelsior H., 120 yards start, 1, first; S. E. Williams, Catford C.C., 100, 2, second; A. E. Dodd, Catford C.C., 170, third; F. J. Osmond, Brixton C.C., scratch, fourth. A dead-heat (Roberts won the toss); Dodd eight yards behind. Time, 2 min. 39 sec.; Osmond, 2 min. 43 2-5 sec.

One Mile Mixed Menagerie Cycle Handicap (open; thirty-six entries, twenty-five starters).—Final heat: Rochfort Hill, Crichton B.C., 120 yards start, first; C. Miles, East Dulwich C.C., 220, second; R. R. Holmes, Osborne C.C., 140, third. Won by five yards; a foot between second and third. Time, 2 min. 51 sec.

Ten Miles Scratch Bicycle Race (the Brixton Challenge Shield, value £50).—F. J. Osmond, Brixton Ramblers (holder), first; E. M. Mayes, Surrey B.C. and L.A.C., second; W. F. Ball, Speedwell B.C., third. Won by fifteen yards; half a wheel between second and third. Time, 32 min. 3 3-5 sec.

SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP.

The eighth annual race for the half-mile amateur swimming championship was held last Saturday at the Welsh Harp, Hendon. There were eight competitors, including J. Nuttall, of Stalybridge, the winner of last year, and the holder of the championships at 100, 220, and 500 yards, and one mile, and who, it was generally expected, would have again proved successful. After swimming well, however, for fully three-fourths of the journey, he began to tire, and left the lead to H. Bowden and J. F. Standring, who swam a good race home, with the result that Bowden, who is captain of the Dolphin and Polytechnic Clubs, won by a couple of yards from Standring, who is now a member of the Zephyr Club, but who a short time ago came from Liverpool. Nuttall was third, twenty yards behind the second, and F. W. Moses fourth. The time was 14 min. 25 2-5 sec.

YACHTING.

At the regatta of the Royal Northern Yacht Club, which was held at Rothesay on Saturday, the Yarana won the first prize of £60 in the race for vessels over forty tons rating, beating the Irex by twelve minutes over and above the time allowance of six minutes to which she was entitled.

THE AMERICAN ATHLETES,

among whom are several American men only by adoption, took part in an important meeting at Dublin on Saturday, and met with brilliant success. F. Westing, of the Manhattan A.C., won the 100-yards, and was timed to run the final heat in 10 sec.; T. Conneff, the Irish runner, who is now classed as an American, carried off the mile easily, in the fine time of 4 min. 26 1-5 sec.; G. Gray, of the New York A.C., put the 16lb. shot 44 ft. 9 in.—a remarkable performance; W. C. Dohm, of New York, won the 220-yards race in 22 3-5 sec., and the quarter mile in 52 4-5 sec.; and C. Smith, of New York, won the half-mile in 2 min. 5 sec. The whole party had a most enthusiastic reception.

LAWN TENNIS.

The lawn tennis championship competition should have been commenced at the All England Club Grounds, Wimbledon, on Saturday, but in consequence of the very wet state of the ground play was impracticable, and it was decided to postpone play. A match was, however, played in the covered court between Mr. H. F. Lawford and Mr. H. W. Hamilton, the Irish champion, in which the former gained an easy victory by 3 sets to love, the score being 7—5, 6—4, and 7—5.

CRICKET.

July rain has played the dickens with cricket. The epidemic of wet, however, did not prevent Leicestershire from beating the Australians by 20 runs on July 6. This creditable result was due to the remarkably successful bowling of Mr. Arnall-Thompson and Pougher. At Manchester on Saturday last, Lancashire won the cricket-match with Middlesex by an innings and 21 runs; Kent were victorious over Sussex at Brighton by five wickets; and the match at Nottingham between Notts and Yorkshire was drawn.

The match between the Gentlemen and Players was commenced at Lord's on Monday. The Gentlemen made 84 in their first innings and the Players 107. Thanks to the sharp bowling of Woods and Steel, the Gentlemen won on Tuesday by 5 runs.

The Australians at Derby the same day beat Derbyshire by an innings and 79 runs.

At Birmingham the return match between Warwickshire and Yorkshire ended in a very even draw.

Mr. A. H. Heath, the old Oxford cricketer, gave a fine batting display at Stoke on Tuesday. He went in first for Staffordshire and carried out his bat for a finely-played 120. He found a most useful partner in Mr. Richardson, and between them the pair scored 197 out of a total of 266. The game, which was limited to two days, ended in a draw.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN MANDEVILLE.—Mr. John Mandeville, one of the best-known Nationalists in the South of Ireland, who was Mr. William O'Brien's fellow prisoner in Tullamore Jail, died at Clonakilta House, Mitchelstown, on Sunday evening. He was thirty-eight years of age. He was ill only three days, suffering from a throat affection, which, it is stated, was engendered in Tullamore Jail. Mr. Mandeville was one of the first imprisoned under the Crimes Act.

THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON NATIONAL DEFENCE held its second sitting at noon on Monday at 10, Downing-street. Lord Hartington presided, and the following members were present: Lord Randolph Churchill, Mr. W. H. Smith, Mr. Campbell-Bannerman, Lord Revelstoke, Sir Richard Temple, Rear-Admiral Sir F. Richards, Mr. T. H. Ismay, and Major Clarke, R.E., and Captain Hall, R.N., secretaries. The Commission sat for two hours considering the mode in which evidence, oral and documentary, should be taken. It is understood that at the next meeting naval and military experts will be called.

TO STUDENTS.—To all those who burn the "Midnight Oil," engaged in mental labour, we would recommend CADBURY'S COCOA; its comforting, exhilarating, and sustaining powers are extraordinary. Beware of imitations.—[ADVT.]

Chat of the London Gossips.

["WHAT THE *World* SAYS."]

GENERAL THE EARL OF ALBEMARLE—veteran survivor of the Battle of Waterloo—is with a supremely sympathetic and artistic hand limned as the "Celebrity at Home" (in Portman-square) in this week's *World*:—

"Very few of the passers-by in Park-lane on summer mornings recognise in the aged gentleman with snow-white beard and moustache, whom they frequently meet walking slowly towards Apsley House, the boyish ensign of the 'Old and Bold,' who spent his sixteenth birthday gaily at Grammont Races, and within the week helped the raw lads from Buckinghamshire (irreverently dubbed the 'peasants') to earn the emphatic commendation which they received for displaying, 'as the right-hand Infantry regiment of the British line, a gallantry and steadiness becoming veteran troops.'

"'There is really very little I can tell you about myself which is not to be found in one or other of my books,' Lord Albemarle assures you, as he turns over the pages of 'Fifty Years of My Life.' 'I remember "Junius's" Duke of Grafton at Elden in his peach-coloured coat; Charles James Fox taught me trap-ball; the Princess Charlotte gave me my first watch and my first pony; I was not sixteen when I set out to join the 'peasants' in Belgium; I spent my birthday with some "Old Westminsters" at Grammont Races, and five days later I tried to cheer my comrades in the drenching rain with the witticism that we had plenty of "water" now, and "should have something in lieu of water to-morrow." I was in rags and nearly shoeless when we came in sight of the dome of the Invalides, glittering in the rays of the sun; but a tip of twenty guineas from my grandmother soon set everything right.'"

The Prince and Princess of Wales return to Marlborough House about the 25th inst. Their Royal Highnesses will only stay in town a few days longer, as they have arranged to go for a cruise down the Channel to the Isle of Wight, on board the Osborne, early in August. The Prince will afterwards spend a short time at Homburg for his usual autumnal "cure."

The accouchement of Princess Beatrice, which is expected in October, is to take place at Balmoral.

Prince Albert Victor's visit to Bristol for the purpose of unveiling the Jubilee statue of the Queen, by Mr. Boehm, is now fixed for Wednesday, July 25.

The Duchess of Edinburgh abandoned her projected visit to England in consequence of the death of the Emperor Frederick, and, after staying for two days in Paris, at the Hôtel Meurice, she left for Baden-Baden, and has since proceeded to join her children at Coburg.

After finishing his season here, Mr. Harris is going to have a provincial tour, beginning on Oct. 1 or 8. Arditi goes as conductor; Mesdames Ella Russell, Rolla, MacIntyre, and Trebelli; Messrs. Ravelli, Runcio, Rinaldini, D'Anna, D'Andrade, and others form the company. Perhaps it may be arranged to have the two De Reszkés for next year's autumn. Anyhow, in May next the Italian opera season will begin again at Covent-Garden.

The King of the Belgians and the Queen arrived at Ostend last Tuesday week for a stay of four weeks, accompanied by the Princess Clémentine.

Madame Nordica's "At Home" on Saturday afternoon was far smarter than the political picnics at Osterley or Dollis Hill, or the episcopal afternoon-tea at Lambeth. Royalty was represented by Prince and Princess Victor Hohenlohe, and the Church by the Dean of Westminster, who brought his wife and daughter. Lord and Lady Egmont, Ladies Mandeville, Hothfield, Charles Bereford, and William Lennox were present, and Lady De Grey (the doughty champion of Italian opera) came early and stayed late. The hostess received her guests in a Greuze dress of gold and rose changeable silk, and amongst the singers were MM. Jean and Edouard De Reszké and Lassalle (in whose honour the party was given).

Sir Charles Dilke has returned from his annual visit to Royat, and was staying at Henley last week at Sargassa House, which he hired for the regatta week.

Mr. Robert Peel, son of Sir Robert Peel, is to be presented by his father's tenants with an address contained in an elaborate gold, silver, and ivory casket upon his coming of age.

Mr. Edward Steinkopff, who has become proprietor of the *St. James's Gazette*, is a German, formerly in business in Glasgow, and subsequently in the City, in the South American trade. He has become enriched by the "Apollinaris" and which he is said to hold a half-share.

Sir Frederick Leighton and the rest of the lookers-on are much impressed with the commendable smartness of the "Artists," who were inspected by Major-General Sir Reginald Gipps, in Hyde Park, on Saturday afternoon.

It is a rest to dwell among the flowers, and forget the sweeping rain and chill breeze of our English summer, at Mrs. Dennistoun's ball you were in the sweet South. The house was fairyland. The ball-room was entirely decorated with white and gold flowers; the windows were curtained with stephanotis, so that the air was laden with their fragrance; the staircase was a bower of roses—roses hanging overhead, roses within reach of hand, roses everywhere.

KEATING'S POWDER.—Kills Bugs, Moths, Fleas, Beetles, and all Insects (perfectly unrivalled). Harmless to everything but Insects. Tins, 6d. and 1s.—[ADVT.]

KEATING'S SILVER."—All difficulty in keeping silver, electro-plate, &c., untarnished and with a brilliant polish, may be obviated by using GODDARD'S NON-MERCURIAL PLATE-POWDER. Sold everywhere, in Boxes, 1s., 2s. 6d., and 5s. 6d. Five gold medals awarded.—[ADVT.]

["*Truth* TO TELL."]

The Queen has consented to the publication of the Prince Consort's correspondence with his brother, the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, on condition that passages relating to private and personal matters shall be excised; and, indeed, I understand that the proof-sheets of the letters are to be submitted to her Majesty for her revision.

Prince Albert kept up a regular correspondence both with his brother and with the late Emperor William, then Prince of Prussia; and, if all his letters could be published, his reputation for political sagacity and prescience would stand even higher than it does at present.

The Prince of Wales will not be at Goodwood, so the house is now to remain closed during the race-week; nor will there be any party at Molecomb.

The Princess and her daughters will go to Osborne Cottage towards the end of this month, for a short stay before proceeding to Germany.

The yacht Sheila, a yawl of sixty tons, has been purchased by Prince Henry of Battenberg, who lately went cruising in her, starting from Southampton.

Prince and Princess Henry of Prussia are expected to arrive at Osborne fowards the end of this month on a visit to the Queen, and they will remain in England for about three weeks.

According to present arrangements, Prince and Princess Henry will come direct from Portsmouth to Cowes in the Imperial yacht Hohenzollern, of which the Prince has just been appointed Commander by his brother, the Emperor William.

The estates of Davo and Morduff, in Kincardineshire, which were unsuccessfully offered for sale a few months ago at the reserve price of £19,000, were sold at Stonehaven to Mr. McPherson, of Aberdeen, for £15,000.

Brocket Hall, Lord Cowper's place in Hertfordshire, which he inherited from his grandmother, Lady Palmerston, is to be let. Brocket was the constant residence of Lord Melbourne, and, after the death of Lord Beauvale, Lord and Lady Palmerston lived there for some months.

Her Majesty and the Prince of Wales both patronised the Royal Counties Show at Bournemouth, and from the Windsor farms the Queen sent Shorthorn, Hereford, and Devon cattle, and from Osborne a horse, which took a prize.

I understand that upwards of £40,000 has been obtained for the Bristol Bishopric Fund.

After a dressy chat about Sandown Park, "Madge" excites the envy of her readers by saying:—"From Sandown we drove to Richmond, where Mrs. Maxwell (Miss Braddon) had a garden-party in her lovely house and grounds, and where a large crowd of notabilities had assembled. The long terrace-walk, which is precisely like those one sees in pictures of the great houses of the last century, looked its best in the sunshine, with its wide band of beautifully-kept turf on either side, and groups of guests clustering here and there, engaged in that business of Talk in which we all delight. We were indulged with a peep into the cabinet where the original MSS. of all Miss Braddon's novels, save the very earliest, are kept, and were even allowed to examine one—a privilege we by no means undervalued, as you may guess. The writing is free, flowing, and legible, the erasures few and far between, and the pages most surprisingly clean, considering that they have passed through the printing-office."

ARMY RIFLE MEETING.

On July 5, the tenth Army Rifle Meeting, at the Cæsar's Camp Ranges, near Aldershott, was brought to a close with the most important contest—viz., the two stages for her Majesty's Prize and the championship. The first stage was won by Lieutenant Dutton-Hunt, Highland L.I., with an aggregate of 94:—

QUEEN'S PRIZE.—1st Stage. Conditions: Seven shots at 200 and 500 yards, and seven shots at 800 yards.

	200 and 500 Yards.	800 Yards.	Total.
Lieut. Dutton-Hunt, Highland L.I.	63 ...	31 ...	94
Lieut. Meehan, 1st Warwick..	... 62 ...	31 ...	93
Col.-Sergt. Starkie, 1st Devon	... 66 ...	27 ...	93
Q.-M.-S. Edwards, Hythe Staff	... 62 ...	28 ...	90

In the second stage, it was the opinion of most persons present that Lieutenant Dutton-Hunt stood the best chance, not only in consequence of the good form he displayed throughout the meeting and the fact that he stood at the head of the sixty, but from long reputation. He unfortunately made a miss and ricochet, while Quartermaster-Sergeant Hills never missed the target, and with 86 in previous competitions, which brought his aggregate up to 103, won by the narrow majority of one point.

PRINCESS MARY, Duchess of Teck, on Tuesday distributed the prizes to the boys of the All Saints' Orphanage at Lewisham.

THE PROTEST OF THE PUBLICANS.—A large number of people antagonistic to Mr. Stevenson's Sunday Closing Bill marched in procession on Sunday to Hyde Park, where speeches were delivered against the Bill from various platforms.

A MANCHESTER RIOT.—A savage and unprovoked attack was made on Monday afternoon by a portion of the Irish Roman Catholic population of Manchester on a procession of Orangemen marching to church. Knives, pokers, and bottles were used, and the attack did not cease until a body of police came upon the scene. Several of the Orangemen were badly injured. A number of arrests have been made.

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Life in the Courts.

O'DONNELL v. "THE TIMES."

WE give a page drawing of the scene in the Lord Chief Justice's Court on the last day of this remarkable trial. Sir Richard Webster, the Attorney-General, is represented as he challenged Mr. F. H. O'Donnell to go into the box; and the Misses Curtin, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P., smart Editor of the *Star* newspaper, and others are among those portrayed. In the action of O'Donnell v. Walter and others, the plaintiff claimed £50,000 damages for alleged libels and an injunction to prevent the defendants from printing and publishing the said libellous articles and pamphlets summing up the *Times*' idea of the connection between "Parnellism and Crime." The plaintiff was represented by Mr. Alfred Henry Ruegg; and for the *Times* there appeared the Attorney-General (Sir Richard Webster, Q.C., M.P.), Sir Henry James, Q.C., M.P., Mr. Lumley Smith, Q.C., Mr. W. Graham, and Mr. Gwynne James. The action came to an abrupt close on July 5. The Lord Chief Justice would not allow evidence to be called as to the truth or otherwise of the libels upon anybody except the plaintiff. Mr. Ruegg, the plaintiff's counsel, contended that in three articles he had been distinctly libelled. The jury found that the observations complained of by the plaintiff were justifiable criticisms, and they returned a verdict for the defendants, for whom the Judge gave judgment, with costs. With respect to the alleged letters of Mr. Parnell read in the case by Sir Richard Webster, and tending, if they were really written by the Home-Rule Leader, to incriminate him with the Phœnix Park assassinations, Mr. Parnell rose the next day in his place in the House of Commons and denounced them as "absolute forgeries."

"MRS. GORDON BAILLIE."

Annie Frost, alias Mrs. Gordon Baillie (sketched in the last Number of *The Penny Illustrated Paper*), Robert Percival Bodley Frost, said to be her husband, and Robert Gigner, a butler, were on Monday, at the Westminster Police-Court, again placed in the dock, charged with having obtained goods by means of worthless cheques. Owing to the notoriety which the female prisoner has obtained, considerable interest was manifested in the proceedings, and the court was again crowded. After hearing further evidence, Mr. D'Eyncourt remanded the accused, and declined to allow bail.

DIVORCE.

Sir J. Hannen and a special jury last Monday tried a suit for divorce, brought by Mr. Charles Albert Maunsell, a Brigade-Surgeon in the Army. The petitioner and his wife made the acquaintance of Major Archibald Edward Duthy, an officer of the Royal Artillery, when in India, and after their return to this country the intimacy arose which led to the present suit. The jury found a verdict for the petitioner, and assessed the damages against Major Duthy at £2000.

EUROPEAN FLEETS.

A PARLIAMENTARY RETURN showing the fleets of England, France, Russia, Germany, and Italy, up to April 1 last, giving in detail battle-ships, cruisers, coast-defence vessels, and torpedo vessels and torpedo-boats built and building, moved for by Lord Charles Beresford, is published.

The number of battle-ships of England completed is 42; completing and building, 7; coast-defence vessels, 12; armour cruisers completed, 6; unarmoured, 53; completing and building, armoured, 6; unarmoured, 18; torpedo vessels completed, 3; completing and building, 12, including two sharp-shooters for Australasia; torpedo store-ships, 2; torpedo-boats, first class, 86; second class, 73.

The total battle-ships of France completed and building are set down at 30; coast-defence vessels, 10; armed cruisers, 4; unarmoured, 63; torpedo-vessels, 8; torpedo-boats, 124.

Russia has 9 battle-ships, 24 coast-defence vessels, 25 armoured cruisers, 3 torpedo-vessels, and 24 torpedo-boats.

Germany has 13 battle-ships, 15 armoured coast-defence vessels, 29 unarmoured cruisers, 4 torpedo-vessels, and 92 torpedo-boats.

Italy has 21 battle-ships completed and building, 21 unarmoured cruisers, 13 torpedo-vessels, and 95 torpedo-boats.

NATIONAL ROSE SHOW.—At the Crystal Palace, on Saturday last, the National Rose Society held their annual show, which attracted numerous visitors. Mr. Frank Cant, of Colchester, gained the first prize and trophy for seventy-two blooms.

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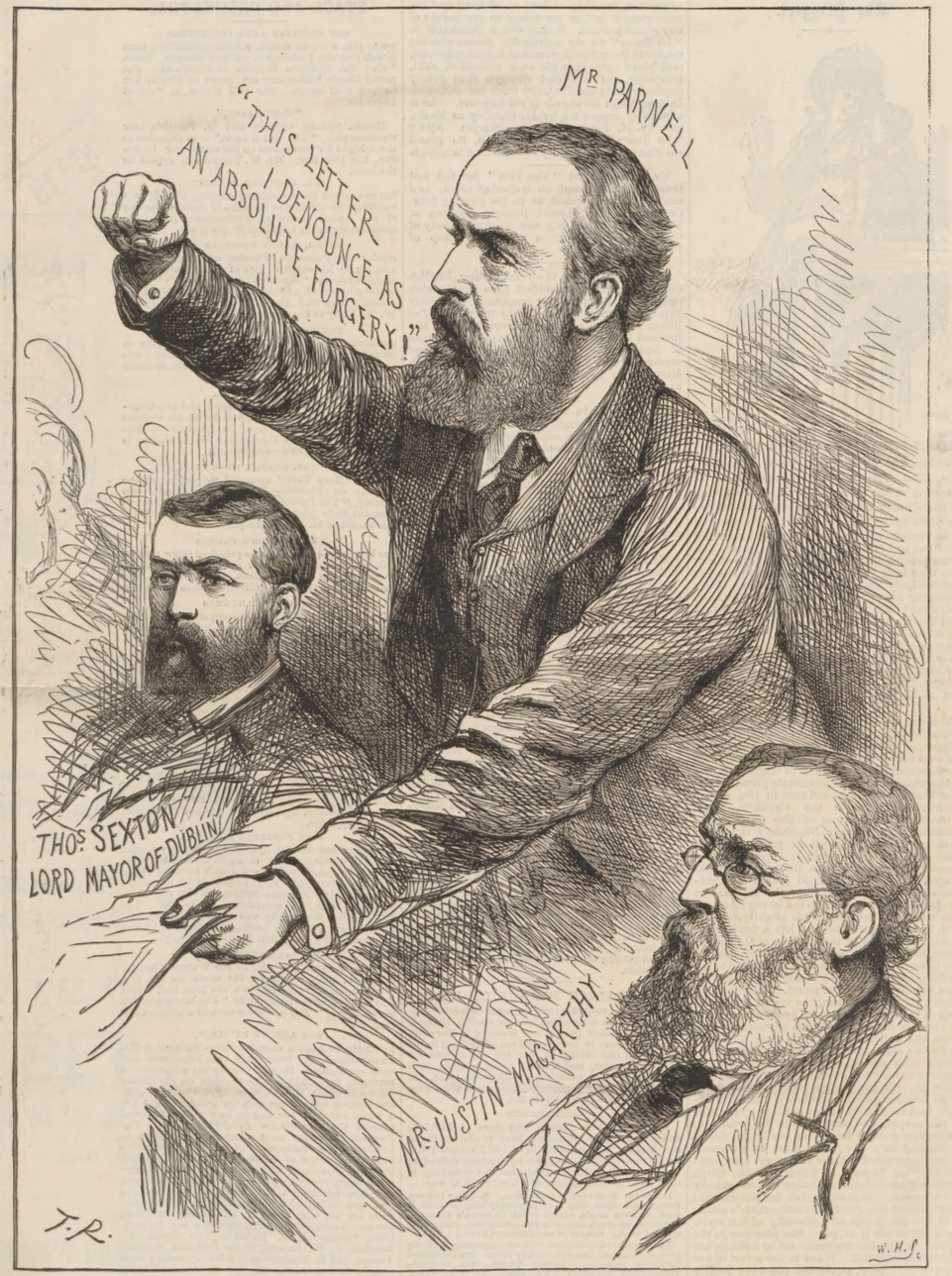

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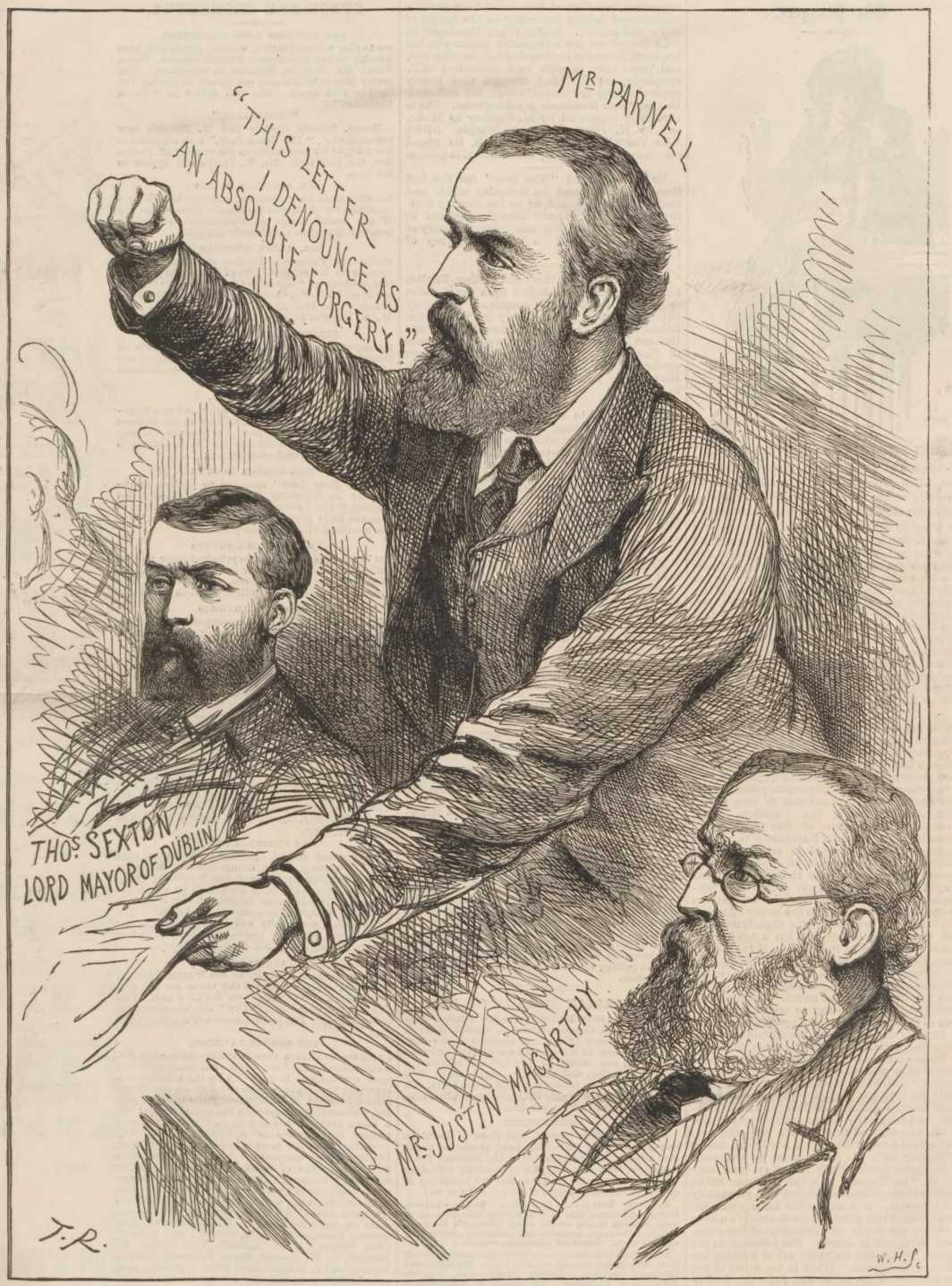

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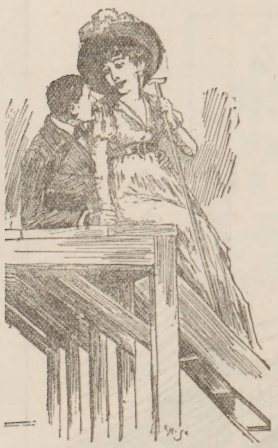
The Playgoer.



SARAH BERNHARDT AS "LA TOSCA"

has taken the place of Mr. Henry Irving and Miss Ellen Terry as the supreme object of attraction at the Lyceum Theatre. Mr. Irving generously closed his regular season last Saturday night by devoting the whole of the proceeds to the benefit of Miss Terry, who charmed all beholders by her lissom grace as the gentle and loving heroine of "The Amber Heart," and now goes for a long rest and holiday to complete her study of Lady Macbeth for the Lyceum. After displaying his waggeries as Robert Macaire, Mr. Irving made his usual speech, and opined that Miss Terry will return after her vacation "from the crown to the toe top full of direst cruelty." Meantime, he said, Mr. Mansfield would succeed Madame Bernhardt at the Lyceum, and that he (Mr. Irving) would tour in the provinces with "Faust," Miss Marion Terry taking Ellen Terry's place as Margaret.

A thronged house greeted Madame Sarah Bernhardt when this greatest of living actresses reappeared on Monday night at the Lyceum. It was soon found that M. Sardou had created for this incomparable artiste a rôle of tragic grandeur in the character of the passionate prima donna, "La Tosca," over head and ears in love with a distinguished painter, the Cavaliere Mario Cavaradossi. The scene of this terrible love drama is Italy. Time: Napoleon's victory of Marengo. Mario, engaged in painting in St. Andrea's Church at Rome, is appealed to for succour by a refugee from the police who has escaped from prison. Mario grants him permission to hide in his own villa. La Tosca enters the church to give herself up to a loving interview with Mario, but her jealousy is slightly aroused. Now, the refugee, Cesare, had left a fan behind. This fan is secured by the "villain of the piece," Baron Scarpia, the head of the police; and he uses it (as indicated in one of the sketches) to fan the flame of La Tosca's jealousy, and so prevail upon her to disclose the secret. Mario's arrest quickly follows. Refusing to reveal the hiding place of Cesare, he is tortured by the police; and La Tosca is ear-witness to his agonised groans. When the police do discover Cesare, thanks to La Tosca's confession, he is dead. The tyrannic Scarpia then sentences Mario to execution; but promises to save him on condition that La Tosca yields to him her virtue. How the enraged prima donna suddenly stabs Scarpia with a table-knife, and religiously places candles by the side of the corpse, and finally ends her existence, having first assured herself of her lover's death, by leaping into the Tiber must be witnessed to be appreciated. Such is a very brief outline of "La Tosca," in which Madame Sarah Bernhardt has furnished London with a decidedly new sensation. It is impossible for one who has not witnessed this great histrionic artiste's acting to realise the depth and intensity of her style. Sarah Bernhardt is unique. She possesses in the highest degree the magnetic art of holding her audience spellbound. What is the secret of her rare power? Why, in the first place her fidelity to nature; then her rare capacity for emotional expression, whether of love or of hate, and her unsurpassed facility for rising to the height of any grand passion. Seeing Sarah Bernhardt in "La Tosca" we see a dramatic genius who has mastered the entire keyboard of human existence, and plays upon it with such unrivalled skill, sympathy, softness, and strength that hearty applause starts involuntarily from her audience. In fine, Sarah Bernhardt is yet supreme. She is admirably supported by M. Dumény as Mario, and by M. Pierre Berton as Scarpia. Albeit "La Tosca" is played in French, its grand emotions speak eloquently in a universal language.

Mr. Toole played "The Don" for the last time for the present on Saturday night, and made the usual speech as to his country tour. On Monday, Mr. Lionel Brough appeared at Toole's in the amusing new farcical comedy of "The Paper Chase," a comical "Scrap of Paper" kind of play.

Miss Sophie Eyre, the commanding English actress who has been missed from the London stage too long, is to commence her early autumnal season at the Gaiety (of which Miss Rehan is still the reigning favourite) with Mr. Rutland Barrington's adaptation of "Mr. Barnes of New York." The many-authored stage version of Mr. Rider Haggard's "She," with Miss Sophie Eyre as the beautiful "She," is to follow.

Old Drury is to be reopened shortly with a special Armada drama, on which Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Harris have joined forces.—Mr. Wilson Barrett and Miss Eastlake ("The Girl of My Heart") bring their Princess's engagement to a close to-night by appearing for the last time in "Ben-my-Chree," an artistic but *not* a financial success, I hear on good authority.—The mild play of "Run Wild" is now preceded by a little piece expressly written for Miss Alice Atherton and Mr. A. Chevalier, and called "Cycling."

Mr. Augustus Harris may be said to have tried his hand for his provincial season of Royal Italian Opera by giving "Il Barbiere di Siviglia" with the Covent-Garden cast at the Crystal Palace on Wednesday afternoon. On a fine night, anything more enchanting than the Crystal Palace Fairy Ballet and picturesque illumination of the grounds could not be imagined. "A Midsummer Night's Dream" is the thing to please you on a really summery and dry evening.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF MARLBOROUGH

are staying with the Duchess Dowager in Grosvenor-square, but they have bought Lord Brownlow's house on Carlton House-terrace. An awkward feature of the situation is that the Duke's first wife—who was constrained to divorce him, but retains her style of "Marchioness of Blandford"—goes out a great deal in London society, and unless extraordinary precautions are taken must often find herself a fellow-guest of the newly-married pair.

ALPINE CLIMBING.

THE first accident of the season in the Austrian Alps was reported at Vienna on Monday. A young Vienna merchant, Herr Reinisch, aged thirty, accompanied by a friend, started, last Saturday, on an excursion in the Styrian Alps. In crossing a wooden bridge over a ravine in the so-called Gesafuse, the structure gave way, and the two tourists were precipitated to a depth of 50 ft. into the stream below. Herr Reinisch was drowned; but his friend succeeded in saving his life and getting off with a shock to the system and a few bruises.

AUSTRALIAN PLAGUE OF MICE.

AUSTRALIA is suffering from a plague of mice. It is said that from Coomebarabrun to Coolah there is hardly a residence that is not troubled in this way. The mice come in droves, and eat everything in the place. On one station 2s. per 100 was offered for their destruction, and during a single night 2000 were killed. The price then went down to 1s. In one hotel in three nights 1000 mice were killed with a mixture of flour and strychnine.

PEDESTRIANS in general, and those of Barnlake and Aylesbury in particular, have reason to thank Mr. Allnutt, as representative of the National Foot-path Preservation Society, for successfully defending the late actions for trespass, and for obtaining in each case the confirmation of a legal right of way.

RAILWAY SERVANTS.—Signalmen, Engine-Drivers, Porters, and others, who have frequently long intervals of work between meals, should drink CADBURY'S COCOA, a sustaining beverage, agreeable and comforting, during long spells of work. Beware of imitations.—[ADVT.]

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STAGE AND ORCHESTRA.

THE THESPIAN LADY CRICKETERS

are to play a second match, weather permitting, next Monday on the Paddington Cricket Ground, Maida Vale; Mr. Malcolm Salaman in command. But pretty Maude Millett may not choose to display her batting skill again. She still shines in "Sweet Lavender."

"UNION JACK."

Messrs. Sydney Grundy and H. Pettitt's new romantic play, "The Union Jack," is in rehearsal at the Adelphi for production on the evening of Thursday, the 19th inst. Mr. W. Terriss will appear as the hero.

MR. AUGUSTUS HARRIS

has announced his intention of offering himself as a candidate for election to the office of Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons, for which honourable post he is eminently qualified.

MR. HARRY NICHOLLS

rejoins the Princess's Theatre on Monday next, opening in his original part of Jim Farren in the strong drama of "Shadows of a Great City" prior to the creation of a fresh character in the New York drama "The Still Alarm," to be produced by Mr. W. W. Kelly at the same theatre on the 30th inst.

THE HARE AND KENDAL JOINT

management of the St. James's is to terminate on Saturday next, July 21, when the accomplished trio play for the last time in "The Squire." Mr. Rutland Barrington takes on the St. James's.

MR. JOHN HARE,

supremely artistic alike as an actor and as a stage-manager of the front rank, will be in his element when, unfettered and free, he assumes the sole direction of the fine theatre Mr. W. S. Gilbert is building for his friend—the Garrick.

MRS. LENNOX BROWNE

and the "Busy Bees" arranged to perform at the Novelty on Thursday Mr. W. S. Gilbert's fine comedy, "The Palace of Truth," and Mr. Doone's pleasant little play, "A Daughter's Sacrifice," for the benefit of St. Mary's Hospital.

MR. COURTICE POUNDS

has been engaged to play the principal tenor part in Gilbert and Sullivan's new opera, to be produced shortly at the Savoy Theatre. He has been most successful in the Gilbert-Sullivan operas in New York.

MISS ANNIE HUGHES

will join Mrs. John Wood's company at the New Court Theatre, appearing in Mr. Sydney Grundy's version of "Les Surprises du Divorce."

MR. CLEMENT SCOTT,

the *Daily Telegraph's* dramatic critic, has helped to make the fortunes of so many actors and managers that the foremost London Managers benefited by his glowing pen did well to entertain him at dinner on July 5 at the Arts' Club, where he was presented with an appropriate testimonial of their regard in commemoration of the "silver wedding" of his connection with journalism. Mr. J. L. Toole was in the chair, as the senior London actor identified with the career of Mr. Clement Scott, and he was supported by Messrs. Henry Irving, Wilson Barrett, Thomas Thorne, Augustus Harris, Beerbohm Tree, Charles Wyndham, John Hare, Edward Terry, Charles Hawtrey, Agostino and Stefano Gatti, and R. D'Oyly Carte.

MISS FLORENCE BRIGHT

gives her first special dramatic performance, next Tuesday evening, at St. George's Hall, Langham-place. In sprightly Howard Paul's amusing piece, "Thrice Married," Miss Bright is to dance the cachuca. Miss Florence Bright will also appear in "Caught Out," a comedietta by herself. The accomplished young lady will be supported by Miss Marion Lea, Mr. Eric Lewis, and that bright and talented young actor, Mr. H. A. Saintsbury.

MR. CARL ARMBRUSTER

has been since the 23rd ult. at the Wagner Theatre, Bayreuth, daily rehearsing the music for the first performance of "Parsifal" on the 22nd inst. This will be followed the next day by "The Meistersingers of Nurnberg." The performances will continue until Aug. 19.

THE LONDON PAVILION,

fortunate to have a cheery Acting-Manager in Mr. Swanborough, has been made even handsomer and more commodious than it was by the addition of a luxurious foyer, which reflects credit on the decorative skill of Mr. E. W. Bradwell, who has used gold and crimson and mirrors with fine artistic effect. On a warm evening, the sliding-roof glides off, and renders the atmosphere delightfully cool. The Pavilion boasts the most alluring variety show in London. The company includes the marvellous Schaeffer Troupe of Acrobats (whose astounding feats are performed with marvellous ease), the excruciatingly funny Two Macs (to miss seeing whom is to lose laughing at the two drollest jokers the stage can show), Charles Fontaine, who skates and stilts on the wire rope; G. H. Macdermott, Sam Devere, Katsnoshin Awata, Sweeney and Ryland, Chas. Coborn, J. B. Radcliff, Tom Squire, H. Randall, T. W. Barrett, Bessie Bellwood, Harriett Vernon, and E. Evelyn—each artist appearing with commendable promptitude. No wonder the London Pavilion continues to be so successful.

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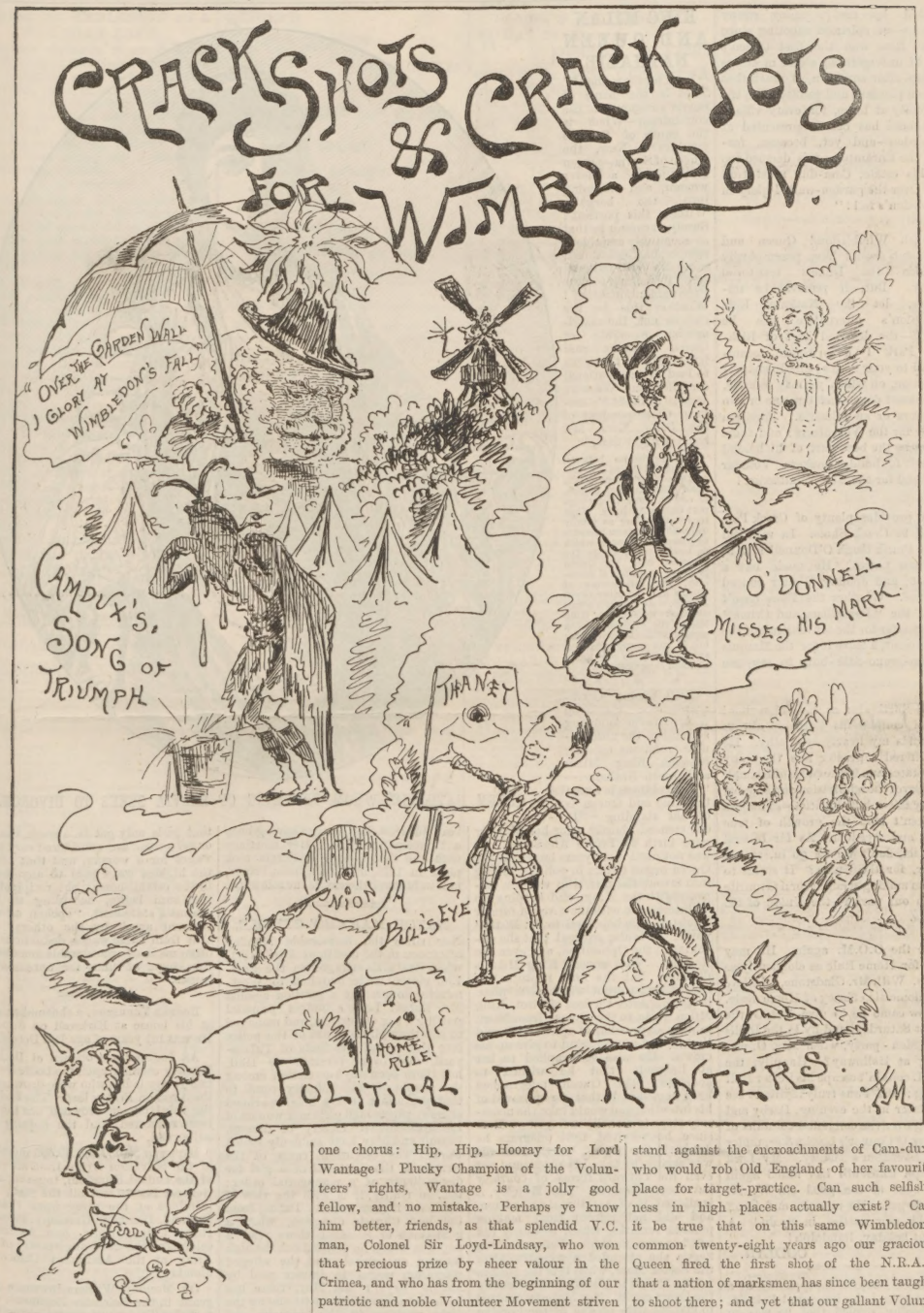
SCARPIA SHOWING THE FAN TO LA TOSCA.

LA TOSCA LISTENS WHILE MARIO IS TORTURED.

LA TOSCA, AFTER STABBING SCARPIA, PLACES THE CANDLES BY HIS CORPSE.



THE SHOWMAN.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—

I'm not overpartial to Lords of high degree—they think such a confounded lot of themselves!—but I've much pleasure in joining in one chorus: Hip, Hip, Hooray for Lord Wantage! Plucky Champion of the Volunteers' rights, Wantage is a jolly good fellow, and no mistake. Perhaps ye know him better, friends, as that splendid V.C. man, Colonel Sir Loyd-Lindsay, who won that precious prize by sheer valour in the Crimea, and who has from the beginning of our patriotic and noble Volunteer Movement striven to encourage rifle-shooting. Brayvo, Wantage! Want is not for an age, but all time. Pardon the roundabout pun. I merely wanted to perpetuate the fame of Lord Wantage—aptly named, because he's so youthful in spirit. I looks towards ye, Wantage, for your timely stand against the encroachments of Cam-dux, who would rob Old England of her favourite place for target-practice. Can such selfishness in high places actually exist? Can it be true that on this same Wimbledon-common twenty-eight years ago our gracious Queen fired the first shot of the N.R.A.; that a nation of marksmen has since been taught to shoot there; and yet that our gallant Volunteers are, after 1888, to be evicted therefrom with the ruthlessness of an Irish Lord Graball? But I look at our cartoon, and find the tale is too true, alas! Earnestly as Lord Wantage has lifted his voice in protest, I fear this unpatriotic expulsion will take place. Wimbledon is

sanctified by many, many sunny memories—of splendid shooting since Edward Ross won the first Queen's Prize, of unforgetable social meetings in camp after sundown, of much that has been pleasant and profitable to the community at large, for every village in England has been represented at Wimbledon—and yet, because, forsooth, the Encampment is deemed too near his estate, Cam-dux must troll out, "Over the garden-wall, I glory in Wimbledon's fall!"

Abolish Wimbledon! Queen and Parliament should have peremptorily forbidden the Duke's territorial tyranny. But, if removal be imperative, let the National Rifle Association's alternative site be adopted—the deserted part of Richmond Park I have before recommended to your notice—the Roehampton section, on which ye may ramble, and on most days meet but one or two saunterers or sweethearts. Partition this off for the Volunteers; and there will yet be the best part of Richmond Park left for holiday-makers. Vote for Richmond for the New Wimbledon!

July provides plenty of Crack Pots as well as Crack Shots. In vain did Master Frank Hugh O'Donnell aim at the *Times* target. He made but a ricochet; and Johnny Walter danced with glee. Whether the *Times* hasn't carried the "Parnellism and Crime" device too far for the convenience of the Government, I leave it for the Marquis of Cum-grano-Salis-bury to say, me bhoys!

Lord Hartington as the Union shot! Well, I confess his Lordship always commands my hearty sympathy. He has suffered a greater loss than any other Statesman in the cause of Ireland. He deserves the admiration and support of every fair-minded Briton—so long as he doesn't stop the growth of true liberty and freedom. As for Liberal Unionism, don't we all go in, sooner or later, for the Union? It seems to me, I 'm making straight for a favourite goal in our parish—the Union of St. Pancras.

Take the G.O.M. again. He may go in for Home Rule as eloquently as he likes. With Mr. Gladstone, I believe in the domestic efficacy of Home Rule. But how came he to give Mrs. G. the slip last Saturday, and fly to the Dollis Hill garden-party, when Mrs. G. was orating at Holloway? Happily, the G. O. M. couldn't escape his Better Half for long; and 'twas truly idyllic to see them, later in the evening, Darby and Joaning over the congenial columns of Tay Pay O'Connor's bright *Star*, under Laird Aberdeen's shanty. My Lord Randolph Churchill has failed again in his shot at the good old W. H. Smith target. He missed, and is off to build new castles in Spain! A pleasant holiday, Randolph!

CODLIN.

GENERAL BOULANGER, speaking at a banquet given in his honour at Autrain, on Saturday, denied that he was an ambitious man; declared that he contemplated no Cæsarian adventures; and said his sole desire was to see France prosperous at home and respected abroad. To gain that end, he said, there was but one means—the revision of the Constitution.

KING MILAN AND QUEEN NATHALIE.

"Look for the woman!" That is the King of Servia's response to the conundrum—What is the cause of Servia's troubles? Now, the Queen of Servia—Queen Nathalie—is a clever woman, and charming into the bargain. Witness this portrait! Surely, it cannot be that so seemingly amiable a spouse has occasioned domestic and national strife by seeking to wear "the unmentionables"! Whether this be the case or not, the matrimonial squabble of Queen Nathalie and King Milan threatens to lead to international complications. We were assured by the St. Petersburg Correspondent of the *Daily News* last Sunday night that,

> The differences between the King and Queen of Servia are the subject of general talk here. The Russian papers, of course, energetically support Queen Nathalie. They regard the King as totally unjustified in his endeavours to procure a divorce, which is, besides, contrary to the canonical law. The Queen is urged to claim, if necessary, the interference of Russia and the other Great Powers. As Austria seems disposed to support King Milan, the question has a certain political importance; but it will scarcely lead, I should think, to any international complications.

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The Vienna Correspondent of the *Daily News* gives the following account of the unfortunate relations existing between King Milan and Queen Nathalie:—"The coldness between the King and Queen is of old standing. It commenced shortly after her Majesty gave birth to Prince Alexander. It was not until some years later that the Queen began to mix in politics, taking into favour the men who were in disgrace with the King, and keeping up an intercourse with the wives of former Ministers who belonged to M. Ristics' party. It is also averred that she encouraged the Opposition, and even the Radicals. This aroused King Milan's distrust; but the final rupture was caused by an event which took place in 1885. After the loss of Pirot, King Milan wrote to the Queen from Nisch in deep depression of spirit, and said that he had a good mind to give up his crown. He also telegraphed to her at Belgrade that he wished to abdicate. The Queen telegraphed back immediately that she approved of his intention and would take the necessary steps to establish a Regency. Ever since he received that telegram he firmly believes that Queen Nathalie was trying to take his place, and not even the outward forms of courtesy have been observed. Her Majesty, it is alleged, is of a satirical disposition, and did not refrain from making pointed remarks, which certainly did not improve matters. Before leaving Servia she attended a reception after the Easter Mass, when it is the custom for the Queen to kiss the ladies forming the Court circle. Her Majesty omitted to kiss the wife of one of the Foreign Ministers, and when the King called her attention to the omission she bowed gracefully and said, so that everyone could hear, 'I leave that agreeable duty to your Majesty.'"

Queen Nathalie, who is the daughter of the Russian Colonel Keczko, was born in 1859, her mother having been a Princess Stourdza. Her marriage with the then Prince of Servia took place in 1875, and the Crown Prince, now in his twelfth year, is the sole issue.

QUEEN NATHALIE, WHOM THE KING OF SERVIA SEEKS TO DIVORCE.

MATCH-MAKERS' STRIKE.

Not since the memorable Monday afternoon in the month of April, 1871, when 5000 girls engaged in the East-End match trade marched to Westminster to present a petition against Mr. Robert Lowe's budget proposal putting a tax on lucifers, and managed to slip through the ranks of the police into the sacred precincts of Palace-yard, and even Westminster Hall, has there been any commotion among the people of this industry equal to that prevailing in the neighbourhood of Bow, where 1400 girls and women of the well-known factory of Messrs. Bryant and May have suddenly struck work. The ostensible cause of the strike was the dismissal of a girl for disobedience of a managerial order; but, in reality, it is with the view of enforcing higher wages. Dating from the last Church Congress, when a gentleman of Socialist views read a paper in which he pointed out the high interest on capital, and the alleged starvation wages to labour paid by Messrs. Bryant and May, there has been simmering discontent among the girls working in the spacious and well-ventilated factory in Fairfield-road, a dissatisfaction which has been constantly fanned by addresses from members of the Social Democratic Federation and a body called the Fabian Society. The charges brought against the firm, stated broadly, are that girls only get 4s. a week, that 8s. or 9s. a week are considered very good wages for a woman, and that 13s. is the highest wage paid to any female in the establishment, the recipients of this sum being, according to Mrs. Besant's statement, "spoken of with reverent awe" by the others; also that from these wages deductions are often made of considerable amounts in the shape of fines for unreasonable causes.

ROBERT YOURSTON, a shoemaker, died at his house at Kirkwall on Sunday. He was 101 years of age last December.

AN INQUIRY was opened at Bath on Monday evening upon the bodies of the two young ladies who were drowned in the Avon on Friday last. The body of the third person drowned has not yet been recovered, and the inquiry was adjourned.

BETWEEN 20,000 and 30,000 members of the Salvation Army from all parts of the United Kingdom, together with General Booth and all the staff, and members of the army from France, Holland, Denmark, Germany, Sweden, Italy, China, India, and Australia, celebrated the 23rd anniversary of the Army at the Alexandra Palace on Monday.

ON Monday William Brown, a sergeant in the Leicester Regiment, stationed at Tynemouth Castle, committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart with his rifle. He was found lying dead in the lavatory of the hospital by the hospital sergeant. The deceased was forty years of age, and married, and no cause can yet be assigned for his committing suicide.

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A serious explosion of gas occurred last Monday at the Grand Café, Paris. The building, which is three storeys in height, was shaken from top to bottom. Few customers were in the house at the time, and no one was killed, but about fifteen persons were injured, several seriously. The damage done to property is estimated at more than 10,000f.

The Duchess of Albany last Saturday visited the Warehousemen, Drapers, and Clerks' School, Caterham Junction, and distributed the prizes gained during the past year by the pupils.

At Poonah, the Duke of Connaught presented the Khedive's star to the 2nd Battalion of the Durham Light Infantry on July 4, eulogising the services of the regiment in Egypt, Persia, and other countries, and congratulating the soldiers on their clean, smart appearance and soldier-like bearing.

The French Minister of Public Works has paid a visit to Boulogne to inspect the harbour works. He visited the breakwater, which is now practically completed. At a banquet on Saturday evening he announced that a bill had been presented to the French Chamber authorising a loan of £160,000 for the purpose of deepening the harbour.

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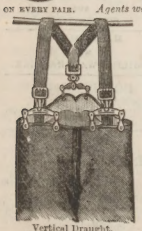

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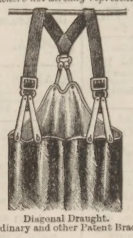

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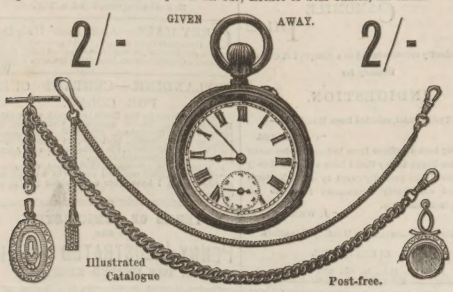

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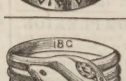

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